

## **ORAKEI YACHT CLUB**

### **Commodores report 2019**

**The OYC has had yet another great year. I believe this to be the 18th year since inception.**

**Membership is constant or slowly increasing with regularly 12 to 20 starters on Tuesday and Thursday nights.**

**The fish and chip nights have been well received judging by the spike in attendance on those nights.**

**The standard of sailing has also improved greatly, rule obeyance needs some attention as always however, it is good that disputes do stay on the water.**

**Club members have done very well in regattas outside of the club as will be mentioned during Prize giving.**

**Re the Council - the Orakei Basin Advisory Board, which we were part of, has disappeared, however the OYC is clearly recognised by Council as a stake holder in the basin and if we have issues we can now take them direct to Council or the Orakei Board.**

**We also now have a harmonious relationship with the AWSC, something that we must foster particularly as we can present**

a united front in matters re the basin and they very kindly help us set our marks occasionally.

This year we have had a couple of 'big boat away' events, but the outstanding success was 'Hunger Games' at Kawau.

A lot of Corinthian sailing in testing conditions, good friendship, good music and a visitor won the sailing event

In my view it is more so a success because of the relationship developed with the Sandspit Electron Group whom we will continue to work with to grow their group.

They have offered a return event in the new year and will allocate 5 marina berths, where sailing will take place and there will also be on shore accomodation and a 'party house' for BBQs etc. near to the marina.

This is work in progress for the New Year.

We have an excellent progressive committee all of whom I wish to thank. I also want to particularly thank Barrie Campbell who has resigned, Barrie was happy to take on any task and was very much appreciated.

One thing I really like about what we are doing here is the enthusiasm members have to go sailing Electrons, the good personal interactions between members and that we are trying to make it as social and friendly as we can within a

**competitive sailing enviroment.**

**I have often heard members saying how significant Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are in their lives, they certainly are in mine.**

**Congratulations to all prize winners and to all members because you are what makes the club work.**

**I wish you all a happy Christmas and a great New Year.**

**Greg Stenbeck**

**Commodore OYC**

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